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## SLUGFEST.

All those who did not show up at the B.W. and F. room of the gym. last night, missed a good show. Skill was not very conspicuous, either in the boxing or fencing, except perhaps in the bout between Baburek and Covo, but the boys slugged away with a will. Phillips and McCallum in particular, tied into each other vigorously and by the end of their fight had each thrown and taken so many punches that they looked pretty weary.

## ADVICE TO ENGINEERS.

Engineers are advised to read the story on coed hockey which appears on this page. If the girls aren't hitting pretty broadly, then we're badly mistaken, and if the Plumber's don't take them up, then we'll be sadly disappointed. How about making one of these little tussles one of the features of Sadie Hawkins week? Those who have never seen one of these games can take it from us that tussle isn't too strong a word to use. The girls don't fool when they play hockey and the engineers don't play hockey when they fool and the result is highly amusing for all concerned.

## MORE SKI STUFF.

We hear that the University of Toronto has sent the McGill ski team an invitation to participate in a meet at the Queen city sometime after Christmas. Apparently the Blue Boys feel that they can take on our A team. Under the able tutelage of George Jost, skiing at Varsity is said to have come ahead fast in the past year or two and it would be very interesting to see just what they can do now. Last year's meet with the B team wasn't a very good indication.

Varsity officials have offered to pay all expenses in Toronto but as plans now stand, competitors must be prepared to pay their own transportation to and from the Queen city. A call is out for all competitive skiers who can rake up the necessary to make the trip. Our guess is that even if only a small part of the A team can go, there will still be a sufficiently strong representation there to retain ski honors for McGill.

## STILL MORE.

If we remember correctly, something like 50 or 60 men entered last year's Interfaculty ski meet, maybe that figure can be doubled January 19th and 26th, when the Inter-company contest comes off. The idea of having downhill one Sunday and slalom the next, sounds like a good one to us and will probably do something to decrease the disparity in numbers of entries, that usually occurs between those two events and the cross country and jump. If you go up to St. Sauveur for the slalom in the morning you might as well enter the cross country in the afternoon and gain a point or two more for your country, even though you may not exactly scoot across the country like a jack rabbit.

The proposal advanced to potential officials sounds interesting. If you think you know something about skiing and can learn to officiate at a meet all your expenses for the trip will be paid. New officials are needed since all the present ones are scheduled to graduate this year; see Reed Hyde, the ski manager.

## REPLY TO A LETTER.

Note to Mr. Malcolm B. Cramer and associates (if you've straggled this far) Sorry fellows, if we hurt your feelings we were only fooling. (Continued on Page Four)

## Christmas Festivity To Be Held by Clubs

Tonight at 8.15 in Strathcona Hall, the British West Indian Club and the Cosmopolitan Club are holding a joint Christmas party. In a Statement a committee member said that the meeting would prove a fitting conclusion to the school term. The main idea in having the party, however, is to enable the members of the two clubs to become better acquainted.

The entertainment will be varied folk songs and dances are scheduled for the program. During the intermission movies of foreign countries, many of them in colour, will be shown. At the close of the entertainment dancing will begin.

An invitation is extended to all members of the two clubs including any who have become members in the meantime. All those with special invitations are cordially welcome too. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served.

## MINE'S BUREAU ISSUES REPORT

### Survey Completed on Territory North of Senneterre

### Conditions Similar to Gold-bearing Areas of Quebec Suggest Mineral Deposits

A preliminary report (P.R. No. 151) has just been issued by the Division of Geological Surveys, Quebec Bureau of Mines. It deals with an area of about 270 square miles, investigated by H. W. Fairbairn during the summer of 1940. The area, traversed by the Saguenay river, lies just north of the boundary between Abitibi county and Abitibi territory. It is about 70 miles northeast of Senneterre.

The report is accompanied by a preliminary map on the scale of one inch to two miles, showing the distribution of the various geological formations in this area. Passing through the area, in an east-west direction, is a belt of Keweenaw volcanic rocks. This belt is bordered on the north and south by younger intrusive rocks of a granite nature (granite, granodiorite, quartz-diorite, etc.), and cutting across all the various rock types mentioned, there are still younger intrusives in the form of diabase dykes that may be of Keweenaw age.

The geological conditions are somewhat similar to those pertaining in some of the gold-bearing areas of western Quebec and, although no gold has yet been found in the area examined and although the area is difficult of access and rock exposures are not abundant, there is a possibility that some mineral deposits may be found there.

Copies of this report, in English or in French, are obtainable by addressing requests to the Director, Bureau of Mines, Quebec.

## DR. MEAKINS APPOINTED

The Senate of McGill University announced today that Dr. J. C. Meakins, M.D., C.M., M.D. (Syd.), LL.D. (Edin.), F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (C. Edin. and Lond.), Hon. F.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.S.C., F.R.S.E. has been appointed as representative of McGill University to the Medical Council of Canada, in place of Dr. Grant Fleming, whose term has expired.

## Artsmen Have Fun Beneath The Mistletoe

### Students Begin to Lose Their Shyness

by R. G. R.

In spite of the influenza-grippe epidemic which is affecting the campus, many are taking advantage of the mistletoe that is hanging in the foyer of the Arts Building.

According to Bill Gentleman, between lectures at 10 o'clock yesterday, he heard a terrific row outside his office and on peering out, he saw a milling crowd under the mistletoe, with the co-eds getting the worst of it. He deplored, however, the week-kneed inaction of many of the Artsmen, who were content to simply stand with their hands on their hips.

At eleven o'clock the situation was pitiful. The bashful Artsmen were standing around with sheepish grins on their countenances, looking shyly at the co-eds as they unwittingly (?) paraded beneath the hallowed sprig. This sad state of affairs continued until the dauntless president of the Arts Undergraduates Society, aided by two hirlings who pushed a terrified freshmanette under the mistletoe, showed the others the way in which the time-honoured custom should be observed.

It was noticed, however, that the said worthy was unable to follow the ancient custom through to its culmination, for the tradition goes that "whichever wyght flait eplie whychoever maydenne under ye flowere whyche be known by ye naeme of myfelfwe flait ytte be to hyff ryghte to clayne ye kiffe. After this hhe flait taekye ye berrye frome ye fore-naemed plaine. Whene ytte to chance that ye myfelfwe flait laeke ye berrye, thene flait hyff haellwe pryvilege cease." The courageous president, knowing this tradition, tried to fulfill its requirements by plucking off a berry. But try as he might, he could not do it; for the mistletoe is suspended about ten feet in the air, and his leaps for it fell short. After spending half-an-hour at this discouraging task, he gave up in disgust.

As time went on the women (Continued on Page Four)

## COST OF MAKING LIQUID HELIUM CUT

### Dr. C. F. Lane, McGill Graduate, Rediscovered Machine

Dr. Cecil T. Lane, a graduate of McGill University, and now Associate Professor of Physics at Yale, has discovered a method by which liquid helium can be made cheaply and quickly. His machine is based on the rough plans which Peter Kapitza, well known Russian physicist, drew up at Cambridge before his disappearance from the western scientific world in 1935.

Helium gas liquefies at the point at which all atomic action ceases, that is, at four degrees above absolute zero, so to further his experiments in the electrical conductivity of metals at low temperatures have sought a way to produce it inexpensively in practical quantities.

The machine he perfected manufactures one quart of liquid helium in a little over two hours at five dollars a quart, as compared with the previous values of twenty-four hours preparation and fifty dollars a quart.

Lane also hopes to find why certain metals become superconductive at extremely low temperatures. If it were possible to produce an alloy of this sort, electric power could be transported without loss for great distances.

Kapitza, the first to bridge the gap between helium in its gaseous and liquid states, built his machine while at the University of Cambridge. Unfortunately, in 1935 he returned to Russia, carrying the plan in his head. He has not returned and letters received from him by Lane say he is not at liberty to give any help.

The rough design of his machine was discovered, however, and this enabled the Yale scientist to build such a machine for the first time on this side of the Atlantic.

## Barking Dogs Don't Bite

### AN EDITORIAL

The success of every underground movement, no matter what its purpose, depends in no small measure upon its publicity. If any such movement is politely, but effectively, ignored the few who are supporting it will sooner or later realize the futility of their efforts and desist. Or if this does not happen and they persist trying to spread their ideas these ideas will have no effect because they will be consistently ignored. The *Daily* in the past has followed this policy.

It is for these reasons that we deplore and regret the excess of publicity that has appeared in the past day or two in the downtown press and over the radio.

The impression has been given by those organs of news that we—McGill students—are being subjected to such a barrage of propaganda as is not equalled in any of the totalitarian countries of the world. We all know as a fact that this is not so. The first issue of the pamphlet in question reached the campus about six weeks ago. According to the figures used by the various organs of information not more than one-third of the students (1,000 roughly speaking) received copies and the present issue so far has had a very limited distribution.

Of the minority of students who received this stupid attempt at fifth column propaganda, it is safe to say that less than half paid any attention to the mimeographed sheet. Of these latter it is just as safe to assume that only an equal proportion read it. No young man or woman possessing sufficient intelligence to be admitted to McGill University for the purpose of furthering their studies could possibly be influenced by the mere reading of this seditious bulletin. It is unfortunate that down-town factors should have misused the influence which is the natural accompaniment of the power of the press.

The *Daily* has never, and does not now, approve of these futile attempts at propagandizing. Nor do we condone news organs which are doing a better job of propagandizing for this group than they have succeeded in doing for themselves. By giving the impression that there is a deluge of such literature on our campus they are playing into the hands of those who write the pamphlets in question. We suggest that if the down-town news organs follow the example the *Daily* has set and ignore this type of literature, people off the campus will not be given a false impression of what is occurring here.

## COLLEGE MEN URGE WAR BASIS FOR U.S.

### Princeton Men Call for State of Emergency and Mobilization

Thirty-four Princeton scholars issued a defense speedup statement and sent it to President Roosevelt. This contained a plea for declaration in the United States of a "state of emergency" which would mean full industrial, military and naval mobilization.

This statement was signed by members of the Princeton University faculty, the Institute for Advanced Study and the Rockefeller Institute for Research. The signers stated that there is great cause for alarm in the overconfidence which the people of America have recently been showing, not only as regards the progress of the rearmament of the United States, but also as concerns the course of military operations overseas.

The tempo of rearmament in the United States is too inadequate for the emergency they said and must be quickened, for the extent and speed of the American assistance in the coming three months may be the decisive factor in determining the final outcome of the war. Only maximum effort should be tolerated.

They went on to say that unless a state of emergency is declared and legislation enacted, there will not be the necessary speed and volume of production.

To bring about this wartime powers will be involved, and far-reaching collaboration between government, industry and labour will be necessary. If Germany wins there will be compulsory controls for some time they concluded, but if Germany is defeated these measures may not be continued.

Those who signed the statement added that it is in the interest of the United States that Germany shall not win and that it is only by maximum American effort that we can prevent a German victory.

## Business Administration.

The bank president approached the assistant cashier's desk.

"Where's the cashier?" he asked.

"Gone to the races, sir," said the young man.

"What?" exclaimed the manager.

"Gone to the races in business hours? Never heard of such a thing."

"Yes, sir," said the other. "It's his last chance of getting the books to balance."

—GATEWAY.

According to the legend, a fire was raging in a de luxe apartment building. With a cry of despair a frantic mother broke through a ring of onlookers.

"Oh, fireman," she implored, "save my precious daughter!"

"Lady," replied the smoke-eater, "I'm a fireman, not an evangelist."

## ANNUAL HOPES FOR SNAPPY SNAPSHOTS

### Expectations Varied and Unusual Pictures of Campus Life

By M.B.R.

Expectation of engineers taking advantage of the mistletoe in the foyer of the Arts Building was reported to have interested cameramen who have an eye peeled for the Campus Life contest in the Annual.

Since the influx of co-eds in Architecture, a member of the Executive of the Arts Undergraduate Society suggested that it would be in order for the Engineers to have a mistletoe in their own building, and if there is too great a minority in Architecture, that they encourage sightseeing tours of the Engineering edifice just to avoid any maldistribution of attention.

Pictures taken of people under the mistletoe were reported to be acceptable by the judges of the Campus Life contest. They stated that anonymity of the subjects will be respected on request.

Other topics of the contest include victims of the flu epidemic, sprained ankles, students studying and lecturing professors. In addition to these suggestions, the photography editor reiterated her desire for truly original ideas. Free Annuals will be given as prizes to the most appropriate pictures for the campus life section of the Annual which is being planned upon a much larger scale than heretofore.

Photographs should be glossy, of any size, and left at the Tuck Shop in the Union for the Photography Editor of the Annual, it was said.

The biography editor reports that biographies are practically completed and ready for the printer. A few late ones will be received today, the set deadline.

According to reports this year's annual will be read not only because of a personal interest in the printed matter but also because of the unusual originality and ingenuity rampant in the biographies, causing entertainment that will be derived from reading the histories of people otherwise unknown to the readers.

## Unclaimed Letters in the Registrar's Office

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The Registrar would be glad if anyone who knows the address of any of the above names would notify him within ten days of the posting of this list. After ten days all unclaimed letters will be returned to the Post Office as Dead Letters.

## McGILL SCHOOL OF COMMERCE OFFERS PRIZES

### Residents of Quebec Eligible for Awards

MAY 15 IS DEADLINE

### 'Quebec's Foreign Trade' Is Subject for Competition This Year

The Honorable Oscar Drouin, Minister of the Department of Municipal Trade and Commerce of the Province of Quebec has announced a set of three prizes for students in the McGill School of Commerce. These three prizes, a first prize of \$50, a second prize of \$30, and a third prize of \$15, will be paid each year to those students who write the best papers on a topic which will be announced each year.

The subject of the papers to be written this year is Quebec's Foreign Trade; Its Possibilities. The papers must be completed by May 15. The conditions of eligibility are given below:

## Conditions of Eligibility:

1.—Be a British subject with at least five years residence in the Province of Quebec;

2.—Be a regular student of l'Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (Laval) or of Les Hautes Etudes Commerciales (Montreal) or of the School of Commerce (McGill);

3.—Have successfully completed the first year of superior studies in commerce; prize winning candidates will be ipso facto, excluded from participation for the following years.

4.—Present within the fixed delay an essay as governed by the conditions of the contest for the PRIZES of the Department of Commerce:

(a) the subject of the contest is set by the officials of the Department of Commerce and announced at the beginning of each academic year.

(b) the work of each candidate must be sent in 4 copies to the secretary of the jury before the 15th of May.

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## FIRST AID CLASSES FINISH FOR CO-EDS

### Only 9.5 Per Cent. of Papers Marked So Far Show Failure

The classes in First Aid made compulsory as a war time requirement by the Senate of McGill University have been completed by 800 women students attending the University and Macdonald College.

Examinations were reported "very stiff" with physicians insisting on the women students knowing how to give proper treatment to those injured or wounded. Examination papers have not all been marked yet, but of a large group which took the examination at Royal Victoria College 9.5 per cent. failed with 108 passing successfully. The latter will soon receive the first aid certificates of the St. John Ambulance Association. There were written examinations in the theory of first aid as outlined in the courses of the Association and practical examinations in bandaging fractures of the limbs, stopping hemorrhages, and the proper use of triangular bandages.

Seven physicians were in attendance at the examination of 232 women students at Royal Victoria College this week in both the theory and practice of first aid. A similar group attended the examination of 170 others at Royal Victoria College at another session.

The examination of students taking Household Economics and teaching science courses at Macdonald College totalling 250 have also been held.

A group of 52 nurses, members of the Association of Registered Nurses of the Province of Quebec have been examined for the First Aid Instructors' Certificates by Dr. John A. Corrigan and Dr. H. Graham Ross.

## Sociological Society Hear Speaker Today

In the R.V.C. Common Room at 8.15 p.m. today Helen McMaster will speak to the Sociological Society on the subject, "The Family in A Changing World."

The changes in family life as a result of the war, including the changes arising from the father leaving home, and the effect of the war on the birth-rate will be dealt with by the speaker.

Miss McMaster is a graduate of McGill, honoring in sociology, afterwards following up her studies with post-graduate work at the Toronto School of Social Service, specializing in the Family.

While attending university here she took an active part in the Sociological Society, as well as numerous campus organizations, culminating with the presidency of the Women's Union. At the moment her chief concern is in work with orphans, and the attempt to find proper foster homes for them.

## Special Trains For Students Leaving Town

### Railways Abet Deser-tion of McGill Campus

By E.V.S.

This year there will be a special car leaving Bonaventure Station (C.N.R.) today at 9.00 p.m. D.S.T. for the Maritimes. Arrangements are also being made for a special car to New York, and a car is leaving for the west today.

In the past it has been very difficult to arrange for such excursions but this year students seem all to be imbued with the urge to go home for the holidays. Maybe it is the war and the generally unsettled conditions, or perhaps it is the strenuous study session that is having its effect upon the students. Whatever the cause, the driving motive seems to be "go east young man, go east", or we could say "north" and "south" just as well.

Tickets to New York at present cost \$14.70 return, payable in Canadian funds, and these tickets may be bought anytime between now and January 1st, 1941. The return portion of them is good until January 31st, 1941.

There is no special car leaving for the north country, but students may get a special discount at any time by obtaining a paper either from the registrar's office or from Mrs. Murray at R.V.C.

One reason perhaps why there are no special student trains leaving for the north may be because no one wants to pass Santa Claus on the way. Great numbers of students, however, are going in all other directions. They are leaving in such numbers that McGill is even now practically deserted. And of those who remain at McGill for the last few days appear to be dreaming of home sweet home. Certainly their minds are not on lectures. Ours isn't, anyway.

## Course Registration

Will all students in Arts, Science and Commerce please watch the mail boards in the Arts Building for letters concerning registration in the separate courses and report to the Registrar's Office immediately upon receipt of them.

## R.V.C. Glee Club

All members of the R.V.C. Glee Club, please turn out for the meeting today at 2 p.m.

## Around the Campus

**Today:** Cosmopolitan Club and British West Indian Club will hold a joint Christmas party at 8.15 p.m. in Strathcona Hall. . . . The Sociology Society will meet at 8.15 in R.V.C. Common Room. Helen McMaster will speak on "The Family in A Changing World." . . . Get that Christmas mail off before you arrive.

**Tomorrow:** Just a reminder that lectures are last given if they have not been very kindly cancelled by an understanding professor.

**Coming:** Christmas Eve right next to Christmas Day and after that the "morning after" . . . New Years with the inevitable waste of good paper writing down good resolutions. . . . And last but not least the Mid Term Exams. . . . Best of luck and all that.

## O'HEARN TALKS TO RVC CO-EDS ON DEMOCRACY

### Columnist and Radio Commentator Discusses Liberty

TWO WORLDS AT WAR

### Totalitarian States Must Conquer in Order to Preserve Their Existence

Co-eds were given a chance to voice their opinions on European affairs at the talk given by Walter O'Hearn in the R.V.C. Common Room yesterday. The talk was the second in a series sponsored by the Women's Union. Opening his address, the well-known radio commentator and columnist stressed the importance of remembering that the war is not yet won, quoting Hitler's challenge, "This is a war between two worlds of which only one may survive."

Mr. O'Hearn then went on to discuss life in Germany as compared to the freedom enjoyed by British subjects. He stated that there is no such thing as absolute liberty; it is conditioned. There was a ripple of laughter as he illustrated his point by saying, "A man may carry a stick and swing it in the air, but he may not hit another man's head with it since he owns the stick but not the head."

He pointed out that although our liberty is specially conditioned in war time, it is still vastly different from the living conditions of the nation against which we are now struggling.

The speaker described the Hitler state as something that has not quite had its like in human history; that a totalitarian government must go to war to keep the people from rising against the economic restrictions imposed on them. Furthermore, war must be a constant thing with the continual presence of something to be hated and wished destroyed. If Hitler were to conquer the whole of the world he would have to still go on and, in going on, try to war on Mars since that would be the last place left.

Mr. O'Hearn told stories of young German airmen captured in England, showing that the generation which is bombing London knows nothing but Hitlerism and the Hitler state. When the British settlers first came to this country, they talked very little about democracy and abstract ideas, but they knew what they wanted and worked hard to get it.

He said that in this crisis we too must work for what we want, and that although a great deal of hardship and tears lies in store for the youth of the world, he believes that we will see our way of life triumph. According to him, our only hope for lasting peace is that Germany will be so badly beaten that she will never be able to rise again under such a yoke.

Following the address, an informal discussion was held, during which the co-eds asked the speaker to give his opinion on various European questions in which they were interested, and the meeting adjourned at six-fifteen.

## Class Picture

Arts and Science I, Class Picture at 1 p.m. today on the Arts steps immediately after parade.



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## For National Unity

It is indeed gratifying to note that a leading French-Canadian society has expressed in no uncertain terms its intention to devote itself to the development of sentiments of esteem towards Anglo-Canadians and its prayer for an Allied victory in the present conflict. Recently received in this office was a copy of a resolution adopted by the St. Jean Baptiste society of Quebec in session at its general annual convention.

Declaring unanimously the wish that French-Canadians receive their due share in undertakings of national defence as well as in the army, the navy and the air force, the society expressed a hope for the development of a formula of Canadianism aiming at the greatness of Canada and the free expansion of the French and the Anglo-Saxon types.

It is declarations of this nature which set forth more and more clearly the necessity for French Canada to carry on its heritage of the custom and thought of old France for the duration, so that the mother country can, without further loss, carry on where it left off after the 'job' has been done.

The resolution follows:  
Considering that "Bonne Entente", based upon justice and mutual esteem is essential to the might of Canada in time of peace as well as in time of war;

Considering that French-speaking and English-speaking Canadians have an equal interest in forming a concept of their future, according to the decrees of Providence which has placed them side by side for a long time to come;

The Societe St-Jean-Baptiste de Quebec in session, at its general annual convention, express unanimously the wish:

That throughout the country, the English and French press, as well as public men and influential individuals shall devote themselves to develop among their readers and in their sphere of action, sentiments of esteem towards Canadians of the other race;

That, the French-Canadian and Anglo-Canadian elite, especially the intellectuals, shall conceive together and diffuse among their respective surroundings, a formula of Canadianism aiming at the greatness of Canada and the free expansion of the French as well as of the Anglo-Saxon type;

That, we pray God to give Victory to our arms and to lead the two mother-races of Canada to a full understanding, so that they may live happier together;

That, bilingual copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Universities, to all newspapers, and to every Member of the Federal and Provincial Upper and Lower Houses of Canada, as evidence of the goodwill of our population, and as a formal expression of its collective will to live and uphold its national spirit.

"UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL"

**Reason**  
In a state of nature  
It might have save'd,  
But in this state reason  
Is poured treason

## Off the Record

Rachmaninoff the pianist, brings to his own works, a happy lucidity that few others achieve. He is one of the tremendous musical figures this generation has produced. Primarily a brilliant virtuoso, his compositions have held their own on concert programs for the last few decades. But there is nothing strikingly original about his writing. You note the sweeping influence of nineteenth century Russian nationalists, from Glinka to Rimsky-Korsakoff, a tendency toward wistful melodies, perfect instrumentation and proportioning that is far from impeccable. With Eugene Ormandy at the head of the Philadelphia Orchestra, Rachmaninoff has recorded a superb performance of his Third Piano Concerto in D Minor. Rachmaninoff is at peak form in this recording but—well, we just can't get excited about the music. The themes are bright enough to turn out far more interesting than they do in the development sections. After a few modifications they appear jaded and spent. It is gratifying to report that Mr. Ormandy's orchestra is more respectful on these disks than it appeared on Friday last, when the fine baritone singing of Paul Robeson was completely submerged by its arrogant swagger.

Victor helps celebrate the 75th birthday of Jean Sibelius with the release of an orchestral Romance in C Major. The B.B.C. Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult does the honours. In roughly the same bracket we would prefer "En Saga" or "Lemminkainen's Home-ward Journey," for a Xmas gift.

**Popular Music.**  
The ability of swing music to develop, in spite of opposition from long-haired musicians and of corruption in its own ranks, is living proof that here is music with more than superficial attraction. The first group of objectors is not, as some may believe, very large, nor is it in a position to do anything but hiss and deride. Such a shallow attitude as is taken by small time "ickies" against swing music is just as stupid as that taken by second-rate jazzists against the classics. I have used the term "second-rate," because the great names in either branch are conversant with the works of Gershwin as well as those of the old masters.

But, as I mentioned before, there is still another group, one working from within, which is doing more harm than the classicist could ever hope to do. The inherent desire of every man, and of every band leader in particular, to make money, and to make it quickly, has led many good orchestras to leave the narrow path of righteous jazz and to wander off into the slough of schmalz.

This has occurred to such a degree that today there are but two men who are forwarding the cause of swing music—experimenting with new and old material in an effort to create living and enduring music. And it is Benny's Sextet and Ellington's great mastery of orchestration that will bring swing music to the next generation.

Tommy Dorsey's work lately—take a look at his complete Victor line-up for December—is of the "Pop" type. On "When You Awake" and "Two Dreams Met," he sends a trombone solo, some organ sax ensemble, a vocal and a bunch of four-bar bridges.

In the same group are 4 slides by Leo Reisman, all played strictly in a "society band" way, not a kick in a carload of "Stuff as Dreams Are Made Of," "I Want to Live," etc.

A pleasant contrast is more work by Artie Shaw and his Gramercy Five. These sides are better than those reviewed last month. The harpsichord has been toned down—the beat has been relaxed—and the whole thing has taken on a sextet flavour which is very refreshing.

"Cross Your Heart" is in parts a ringer for Goodman's "Memories of You." The clarinet is beautifully played with good tone and Billy Butterfield gets away on a good riff right at the start. Shaw slips into a clever Boogie groove about half way through and really makes it worth listening to. Reverse "Summit Ridge Drive" is in a blues tempo and features more of Artie's great work. Butterfield is in there sending again, and Shaw takes over with a few jamming licks. The close is a dead copy of the Sextet's "Till Tom Special."

Larry "Dipsy Doodle" Clinton got himself a good vocal when he obtained Peggy Mann from Johnny Messner. She does "I Hear Music" in a clear and well modulated voice that's a relief after Connie Haines. Smart alto and tenor breaks after the vocal. "Dancing On a Dime" is a clever orchestration of a new tune. Watch for the tenor and clarinet section work and the trombones playing ensemble.

—PERO.

## ON THE AIR

There is a tendency to forget the fellows who went to high school with you; they gradually fade out of your life. But when one of them does something important you excitedly take notice and say, "Why, we went to school together!"

Samuel Levitan (we went to school together!) is appearing on the Masterworks of the Pianoforte program, Tuesday, December 24, CBF, 9.00-9.30. Incidentally, he is a scholarship student at the Juillard School of Music.

He will play Bach's Prelude and Fugue in G Minor; Beethoven's Sonata Op. 14, No. 1; and two works by Chopin: Berceuse, Op. 57, and Scherzo in B Minor.

**I Think That:**

On Sunday Ossy Renardy gave a very good account of himself in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. He is a sound musician, though he has still to acquire the polish of a virtuoso. But he's getting there.

In the second movement a series of notes came through off key and in the wrong rhythm; then a pause, and the same note again, sustained—and a voice said, "one o'clock. Une heure." All of which was definitely not in the score.

It seems now and then to interrupt a

work merely to inform a gasping public of the time.

In the afternoon of the same day the Hart House String Quartet gave an excellent performance of a fine work, Mozart's Quartet in B flat Major. They played together beautifully, with tone and phrasing consistently good.

The Philharmonic offered its first cellist, Joseph Shuster, as soloist. Shuster is one of the foremost living cellists, and he played magnificently. The tone he got out of his instrument was amazingly strong, sweet, and pliable. And of course technical difficulties did not mean a thing to him. The work was originally a horn concerto, and by Mozart, But Cassado rewrote it for cello; and it is more Cassado than Mozart—a bit of music and three cadenzas. But it gave a great cellist a chance to show what he could do. And he did!

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**"Christmas Under Fire."**  
On Christmas Day His Majesty, King George VI, will speak to the people of the Empire and the United States at 8.00-10.10 a.m., during the broadcast, "Christmas Under Fire." A rebroadcast of the address will be heard over the CBC National Network at 9 p.m.

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**Christmas Programs Galore.**  
President Roosevelt sends Yuletide Greetings on Tuesday, December 24, 6.00 to 6.30 p.m.; from the annual community Christmas tree-lighting ceremonies at Washington.

Christmas Day 2-4 p.m.—Greetings from Hollywood, CBC—Paderewski, Burns and Allen, Paul Robeson, etc.

Christmas Eve Service from Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, Tuesday, 11.50-12.10 a.m., CBM.

Lionel Barrymore will play "Scrooge" in "A Christmas Carol"; Campbell Playhouse, Friday, December 20, 10.30, CKAC.

Arch Oboler presents Brian Donlevy in "These Are Your Brothers," a story about a cynical street corner Santa Claus; Friday, December 20, 10.30, WEAF.

Columbia Workshop offers "The Plot to Overthrow Christmas," Sunday, December 22, CKAC, 11.30 p.m.

"Little Town of Bethlehem" comes from Campana's First Nighter, Tuesday, December 24, WABC, 9.30.

Helen Hayes and Burgess Meredith star in "Can We Forget?" Sunday, December 22, WABC, 9.00.

Screen Guild Theatre offers Ronald Colman as narrator, and Nelson Eddy in a singing role, in "The Juggler of Notre Dame," Sunday, December 22, WABC, 7.30.

The Mendelssohn Choir from Toronto sings Handel's Messiah, Wednesday, CBF at 4.

The Sistine Chapel Choir of St. Peter's Church, Vatican City, Monsignor Lorenzo Perosi conducting, will sing two works by Palestrina: Bonum Est, and Molet "Exultate Deo"; Ave Maria by Vittoria; and short works by the conductor, Perosi; Sunday, December 22, 2-2.30 p.m., WABC.

Radio City Music Hall presents Kodaly's "Psalmus Hungaricus," with Jan Peerce as soloist and a mixed choir; also Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. Twirling the Dial.

Toscanini and the NBC Symphony will play Tchaikovsky's symphonic poem, Manfred; Moussorgsky's Intermezzo; Tableaux 1 and 4 from Stravinsky's Petrouchka; and Rubinstein's Valse Caprice, CBF, Saturday 10.35. . . . The Opera at the Met this Saturday will be Donizetti's "Don Pasquale," with Baccaloni, and Bidu Sayao. (Pick up your false teeth and continue) . . . And on Saturday, December 28, Lily Pons will sing in "Daughter of the Regiment," likewise by Donizetti.

—S. W.

## As Others See It...

Reprinted from Oklahoma Daily

From the advent of Hitler to power in 1933 British labor has seen in him and his regime the worst enemy the working class has known in modern times. For wherever he has put his heel, there the historic institutions built by the working class for their defence, the trade unions, the co-operative movements, and the socialist party, have been destroyed. British labor, therefore, opposed Chamberlain's policy of appeasement at Munich. It took the view that the inevitable result of appeasement was war. When Chamberlain finally took his stand against the invasion of Poland, the labor representatives were unanimous in their approval of his move.

British labor refused to take part in the Chamberlain government in September, 1939, because they did not have confidence in the policy of the then prime minister. It entered the Churchill government in May, 1940, "as a full partner" because it believed that Churchill symbolizes the determination of the British people and, above all, its workers, to go on fighting until the threat of dictators to democracy is wiped out.

British labor does not believe that this is merely an imperialistic or capitalistic war, but they do believe that the capitalistic system is mainly responsible for its outbreak. It is convinced that the way to the socialism it preaches lies through democracy and that so long as the dictators stand in the path, socialism is unattainable.

Prime Minister Churchill's leadership has been superb, but it is not too much to say that his achievement would not have been possible had not millions of workers had a new confidence in government because of their trust in their leaders. The increase in output, the heroism with which they have stood up to bombardment from the air, the achievements of the air raid protection service (90 per cent staffed by the common people) bear testimony to the fullness of the workers' faith in the British cause.

The British laborer knows that the battle of Britain is the battle for his future. At the end of the road along which he marches he sees a new Europe made into an equal fellowship of free men. That is the task to which he has set his hand. In the real sense, this becomes for the worker, a people's war, and he is going to see that, this time, it ends in a people's peace.

## THE BOOKSHELF

**CURRENT PROBLEMS SERIES**  
BOOKS: Cambridge University Press. London. \$1.10.

"Political Propaganda," by F. C. Bartlett, is the first of a new series of books, published by the Cambridge University Press, dealing with current problems, economic and philosophic, which are confronting the world today.

Mr. Bartlett recognizes that the use of propaganda is one of the most forceful as well as the most insidious weapons presently at hand. Propaganda is not a new thing, an outgrowth, as are so many other factors current today of the post-war years. It is as old as is the need for advertising. For, "publicity" is, after all the root definition of propaganda. The connotation which has connected it almost exclusively with politics, and more recently with so-called "Fifth Column" activities is Mr. Bartlett's subject in this treatise.

Analyzing first the aims of political propaganda, Mr. Bartlett contends that propaganda as we know it, has sprung from the interrelated social movements, increasingly efficient means of contact, and popularization of education. Greater intercommunication and mass-instruction have made politics an affair of the people. Mass propaganda, as for instance the sort upon which the life of the totalitarian state largely depends, strives toward attaining a uniformity of thought, such uniformity as can only result in concerted, virtually unanimous action.

Passing on to some general principles for the effective application of political propaganda, the author argues that the worth of propaganda is based psychologically on the power of suggestion. Citing Nazi Germany again as an example of applied mass suggestion, it can be said that German propagandists based their material in rousing an intense and many-sided national

pride; pride in superiority, the pride resulting from resentment and the pride in recaptured and growing prestige. This simple principle has sired one of the most formidable and terrible threats to the sanity of the world.

Speaking of the growing and sincere propaganda for democracy, a move which is sorely needed to meet well-organized totalitarian movements, Mr. Bartlett says that methods are taking shape rapidly and on these measures may depend, in war or in peace, the primary bulwark of defense.

"Problems of the Baltic," by W. F. Reddaway, the second in the Current Problems series, is perhaps the most solidly exhaustive of the first three titles thus far issued. Dealing with a subject somewhat less abstract than the other two, it delves into the questions which constantly arise from the Baltic and the relations of the countries which border on it.

No less than six separate states border on the Baltic Sea and there lightning changes of 1939 have made their situations virtually incomprehensible for the casual non-political layman, whose only contact with world affairs is through the daily newspapers.

The Soviet-German Non-Aggression Pact has changed the political stability of these Baltic states as radically as it has changed the status quo of the entire western world. These states depended, peculiarly enough, on the antipathy of Germany and Russia for their uninterrupted existence as independent states. W. F. Reddaway has discussed with remarkable minuteness and unquestionable logic, the radical, almost ledgermain changes wrought by the Bolshevik-Nazi rapprochement.

The author's conclusion on the worth of the pre-September 1939 Polish State are arguable though interesting. Since The Polish capitulation, many details have come to light which tend to show that Poland was backward socially to the point of medievalism. This does not in any way excuse or condone the inexcusable and unwarranted

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# Boxing and Fencing Finals Conclude Successful Novice Tournament

## Opposition Is Swept Aside By E Company Combatants

### Bert Light Trophy Won by Steve Baburek

By J. O. D.

The finals in the Boxing and Fencing of the McGill Novice Assault at Arms were run off last night with "E" Company emerging victorious. In the Fencing W. M. Wood ("B") showed the most promise and was the winner. Steve Baburek was awarded the Bert Light Trophy for Boxing and the presentation was made by Louis Dezewick, Honorary Boxing Coach and Secretary of the A.A.U.

#### BOXING

In the 175 and 185 lb. classes Dave Kerr ("A") and Ridewood ("D") became final winners by default over Cochrane ("E") and Sabbath ("C"). Jim Simpson had already won the Heavyweight title on Tuesday night by his victory over Earle.

#### TONIGHT'S BOUTS

Steve Baburek ("E") beat Pedro Covo for his fourth straight victory in the 145 lb. class and was given the unanimous decision of all the judges. Covo, the loser, was out-pointed by four points in each round and according to Bert Light the plucky wild Mexican lost purely on his consistent holding. However, this bout proved to be the best exhibition of boxing of the night.

The 155 lb. bout saw Baird ("E") in a close decision over LeChance ("D"). In a fast bout both fighters began to tire towards the end but Baird on his aggressiveness out-pointed his opponent by two points. This put the Engineers well on their way to victory.

#### TOUGH BOUT

The last fight turned out to be a real Tony Galento—Max Baer slugfest with both boxers wearing themselves out by wild swinging in the centre of the ring. This was the final of the 165 class between Phillips ("E") and McCallum ("B"). Phillips, winner by a decision, drew blood from McCallum and left the latter in pretty bad condition.

Baburek, 145 lb. class finalist, was then presented the Bert Light Trophy, which was put up for man who showed the best performance during the three nights.

#### FINAL WINNERS.

135 lbs..... W. Ridewood, "D"  
145 lbs..... S. Baburek, "E"  
155 lbs..... S. Baird, "E"  
165 lbs..... J. Phillips, "E"  
175 lbs..... D. Kerr, "A"  
Heavyweight..... J. Simpson, "A"

#### FENCING.

W. M. Wood won the Fencing Title from four other finalists. On the whole the showing was ragged.

#### RESULTS.

Entrant	Bouts Won	His Against
Wood "A"	5	3
Levitt "B"	2	9
Propos "E"	1	13
Ott "Ind"	0	15

Jack McNiven, last year's representative of McGill's A Team, acted as referee.

#### OFFICIALS

Judges: Tommy Osborne, Lt. Carsley, Johnny Gow.  
Chief Judges: Dr. A. S. Lamb, Ernie Metivier.  
Chief Timekeeper: George Rioux.  
Scorer: Professor McKeown, Ray Finlay.  
Referee: Al Decarie, Lucien Deschamps.

#### Master of Ceremonies: Bert Light.

#### TOTAL COMPANY AGGREGATE

"A" Company	15
"B"	16
"C"	23
"D"	25
"E"	52
"F"	4
"Ind."	4

### R.V.C. Sports

#### SKI HOUSE

There will be a meeting of all the co-eds who are going to stay at the R.V.C. ski house during the Christmas holidays in Mrs. Tirrell's office at one o'clock today. The girls are asked to bring their money to the meeting.

#### PING PONG

The deadline for the R.V.C. Ping Pong tournament has been set for Friday. All the co-eds must play their games before that date.

#### Employment

Will the students awaiting news of bonus from Eaton's please see Miss Healey today.

### Open Assault at Arms to Be Held

Each year near the end of February Boxers, Wrestlers and Fencers from Toronto, Queen's, O.A.C. and McGill have met in a two-day Senior Intercollegiate Assault-at-Arms. Last year this great annual affair was given a setting never before equalled when it was staged here in the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium. This year the Assault was scheduled to be held at Queen's University but with the advent of the War and the cancellation of Intercollegiate Sports this colorful historic event also went by the boards.

At first the prospects for Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing looked rather bleak. Immediate steps were taken to keep these sports alive through the medium of "group instruction". Coaches for each of the above named sports were procured and classes were thrown open to all students desiring to take advantage of them. The experts, members of last year's Intercollegiate Teams, turned out in full force to assist in the instruction of beginners. Managers carried on just as if they were really working toward an Intercollegiate Meet. The result of all this effort has been most obvious.

#### ATTENDANCE GOOD

More persons have signed up and taken an active part in Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing Classes than ever before. So great was the interest that the Student's Athletic Council voted in favor of a Novice Assault at Arms. This has just been completed and the least that one can say is that it was a truly successful affair. Close to 65 men took part in the various events, a number which is well over three times that of the combined team which usually represents McGill in the Intercollegiate Assault. The real significance of this becomes apparent only when taken into consideration the fact that this was a Novice Meet which excluded all those individuals who would ordinarily have been on the Intercollegiate Team.

#### WATCH NOTICE BOARD.

Some time ago the Student's Athletic Council announced that in addition to the Novice Meet Open Intercompany Assault was to be held. This has now been officially ratified. The Open Assault is scheduled to take the place of the Annual Intercollegiate Assault and will be held at approximately the same time. The plan is to hold it in the Main Gymnasium on a really grand scale. The Intercollegiate Assault of last year will be duplicated in every feature with the exception that this will be an Inter-Company Affair. Naturally entries will be restricted to so many per Company and hence many elimination tournaments can be expected early in the New Year. Though not definite.

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#### BASKETBALL RESULTS

The last scheduled basketball games were run off two days ago and every platoon but two fielded a team.

All these teams played a good brand of basketball, showing great improvements in handling the ball and in shooting.

The best game was played by platoon 17 who gave themselves a Xmas present at the expense of the strong 21 platoon, by winning their first game of the season.

After the holidays a new schedule will be drawn, in which teams will be more evenly matched according to their final standing in this schedule.

#### RESULTS

Platoon 17 defeated platoon 21; 24-20.  
Platoon 9 defeated platoon 24; 22-20.  
Platoon 23 defeated platoon 13; by default.  
Platoon 15 defeated platoon 2; by default.

The company standings at the end of the schedule are: A coy-106; B coy-185; C coy-115; D coy-66; E coy-176; F coy-135; Ind-110.

### Sports Notices

McGill Sailing Club meeting at 5.15 p.m. Thursday in the Union Music Room. Plans for ice boating season and sailing season to be discussed.

## Intimate Glimpses of Activities Inside Laurentian Ski Shacks

Skiing has come a long way in the past few years as increasing thousands wend their way northward to reap the benefits of this popular Canadian sport. During the Christmas Holidays countless numbers of McGillians will invade the north country. Some will stay at private houses, others at hotels but the vast majority will reside in rugged ski shacks. There is something rather distinctive about these shacks and it is difficult to single out any recommending quality.

Those who have never spent a weekend up north would not, by description, find it very inviting for as a rule they are uncomfortable, unless you enjoy sleeping half the night sweating with the heat and the other half in a more or less frigid state on cots that by comparison the floor seems comfortable. Unidynism is another phase which might not appeal to those outsiders who do not appreciate the habitant way of life. However the most salient feature

of these shacks is their distinctive odour enough said as details might be unflattering however interesting they might prove to be.

These above disadvantages are nevertheless turned into strong points in favour of these shacks if one enters into the spirit of the thing there is nothing so gratifying to come staggering into home base, eat a huge meal then settle down with appropriate company, a good smoke, and we drop of something to top the evening off. Those who have not completely worn themselves out during the day couple up with those that hung around the shack doing nothing in particular but doing it very well, go into town and whoop it up a bit at a convenient pub only to return to the shack and make an amusing but annoying nuisance of themselves as a result of too much celebrating, for these people ski to the following tune, "We come from near and we come from far and we do our skiing at the G—D—bar".

### Intramural Athletics Council Is Organized

The Student's Athletics Council at their last meeting authorized the organization of an Intramural Athletics Council to consist of a representative from each of the M. R.T.B. companies and one from the Independents with Horace Graves the Intramural Manager as chairman. The functions of this body are to be set out by a committee of Horace Graves and two other members of the Student's Athletics Council. Their principle duty however will consist of acting as the connecting link between the Intramural Athletics Council, and the Student's Athletics Council in the promotion of the Athletic program subject to the supervision of the Student's Athletics Council. The following students have been carefully selected with the cooperation of the Company Commanders and Instructors.

#### A Company.

Tommy Chown, who is at present a member of the Student's Athletics Council, manager of the rugby club, and a prominent member of A Company's hockey team.

#### B Company.

Terry Todd, one of the standbys of the track club and an excellent harrier.

#### C Company.

Glen Cowan, a current member of the Company basketball team and volleyball team, as well as the top man in their track team and winner this year of the Dunlop Harrier Trophy.

#### D Company.

Kenny, who has recently represented his Company in the boxing meet, and who although a newcomer to McGill shows much promise.

#### E Company.

Lorne Lindsay, long connected with Winter Outing Club and this year its president as well as water polo captain.

#### F Company.

Geo. F. Clarke, the chairman of the Formal Dance Committee, member of the Company hockey team and prominent in all the affairs of the Company.

#### Independents.

Horace Graves, has had much ex-

### Platoon Hockey Held If Interest Shown

Considering what a huge success the Inter-company hockey league has turned out to be, there has been a good deal of talk about starting an Inter-platoon Hockey League, when college opens again in January.

Judging from the long lines of keenly awaiting substitutes, the Sports Manager feels certain that full turnouts would result, followed by hardly fought matches.

Since, however, the project depends entirely on student co-operation, the details are as yet undecided, but it is definite that company first team players will be excluded from Inter-platoon hockey.

The games will be played on the University's own open-air rink. If, however, there is not sufficient interest to form an Inter-platoon League, one will be formed of Company 2nd, teams which will play under similar conditions.

POETIC JUSTICE is the theme of this little tale from the University of Minnesota. . . . A third-year co-ed, fascinated by the pretty glitter of a fraternity pin, inveigled its owner into giving it to her, by means of the usual promises of undying fidelity. . . . Delighted with the ease of her first conquest, the girl went on a campus-wide campaign of cadging fraternity pins. . . . At length she was in possession of four of the little baubles, each of whose original owners had been assured that she loved only him. . . . But retribution, in the form of a law student, caught up with her. . . . She fell in love with him, and he, learning of the four pins, told her to return them all. . . . "Then," promised he, "I'll give you mine to wear." . . . So, with much regret, she gave them back. Whereupon he presented her with a common safety pin. . . . AND HASN'T SPOKEN TO HER SINCE.

—Varsity.

perience as Intramural Manager in 1939-40 member of the softball team, hockey team and an excellent official in these sports.

## INTRAMURAL

CONTINUATION OF SCHEDULES:  
The Interplatoon Basketball Schedule and the Intercompany Squash and Badminton Schedules will be resumed after the holidays.

Company	vs.	Company	Day	Month	Date
B	"	C	Thursday	December	19th
A	"	F	Tuesday	January	21st
C	"	E	Thursday	"	23rd
B	"	D	Friday	"	24th
A	"	F	Tuesday	"	28th
B	"	E	Thursday	"	30th
A	"	D	Friday	"	31st
C	"	E	Tuesday	February	4th
C	"	F	Thursday	"	6th
D	"	E	Friday	"	7th
D	"	F	Friday	"	14th

Will all Hockey players please save the above revised schedule as there will be no Daily during mid-term.

During the Holidays and Examinations the following periods will be available for Hockey practices at the Forum:  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 12.30-1.30 p.m.

### SWIMMING AND WATERPOLO

Notices of forthcoming games will be posted on the Locker-board in the Locker-room. Since there will be no Daily during mid-term those who wish to play should watch this board.

## Intercompany Ski Meet Will Be Held in January

### Coeds Continue Hockey Practise

Last night saw the first outdoor practice of the R.V.C. hockeyists under the able coaching of our two star senior players—Norman Cuke and Bill MacDonald. Eight coeds, clad in short skirts, sweaters and skates turned out to try their skill with the puck, and also to see if skating with a hockey stick was easier than without.

It is easily seen that the coeds are taking their sports quite seriously, and are not the frivolous creatures that they are considered to be. There was a vote taken whether they should do anything during the holidays or not, and the unanimous shout was "yes." These Christmas holidays will see them on the McTavish rink, getting some extra practise for the real hockey season in the second term.

Bill MacDonald will not be here to hand out any new tricks, as he is going home for the holidays. Norman Cuke, will be approached and if he possibly has the time will help the girls develop their technique in shooting and guarding.

#### TEAMS CHALLENGED.

No definite plans for any games have been made but it is understood that the pucksters will work on the intercession games. Then, if any other campus teams challenge them they will be glad to show their stuff. Last year one of the most enjoyable games was the one between the coeds and the engineers. The Plumbers not only proved themselves grand sports but swelled entertainers when they in-

### Meet to Take Place In St. Sauveur

Intercompany athletic competition will be continued immediately after the holidays with a ski meet. Since not all potential competitors can get up North over the whole weekend, the meet will be staged on two Sundays, January 19th will see the start, with the downhill and jump taking place at St. Sauveur. On the following Sunday, January 26th, the slalom and cross country will be staged, also at St. Sauveur.

Plans for points to be awarded to competitors have not been completed but it has been indicated that each entrant will gain a certain number of points for his company regardless of what sort of a showing he makes. The system followed will likely resemble that used in the track meet last fall. An interfaculty ski meet, staged last winter drew a large entry and those in charge of the coming competition are hoping that an even greater number will turn out this year to represent their company.

Anyone with a tolerable knowledge of skiing and willing to learn how to act as a meet official is also asked to contact Reed Hyde, ski manager. Almost all skilled officials now at McGill, will be graduating this year so new men must be

trained. Expenses of officials will be paid for the trip.  
The Outing Club has a tour or meet planned for every week-end this winter, indicating that this sport should be a busy one for the year. An invitation meet will probably be staged some time after the Intercompany one to which those making the best showing in the latter will be invited. Another Inter-

company contest may also take place later in the year.

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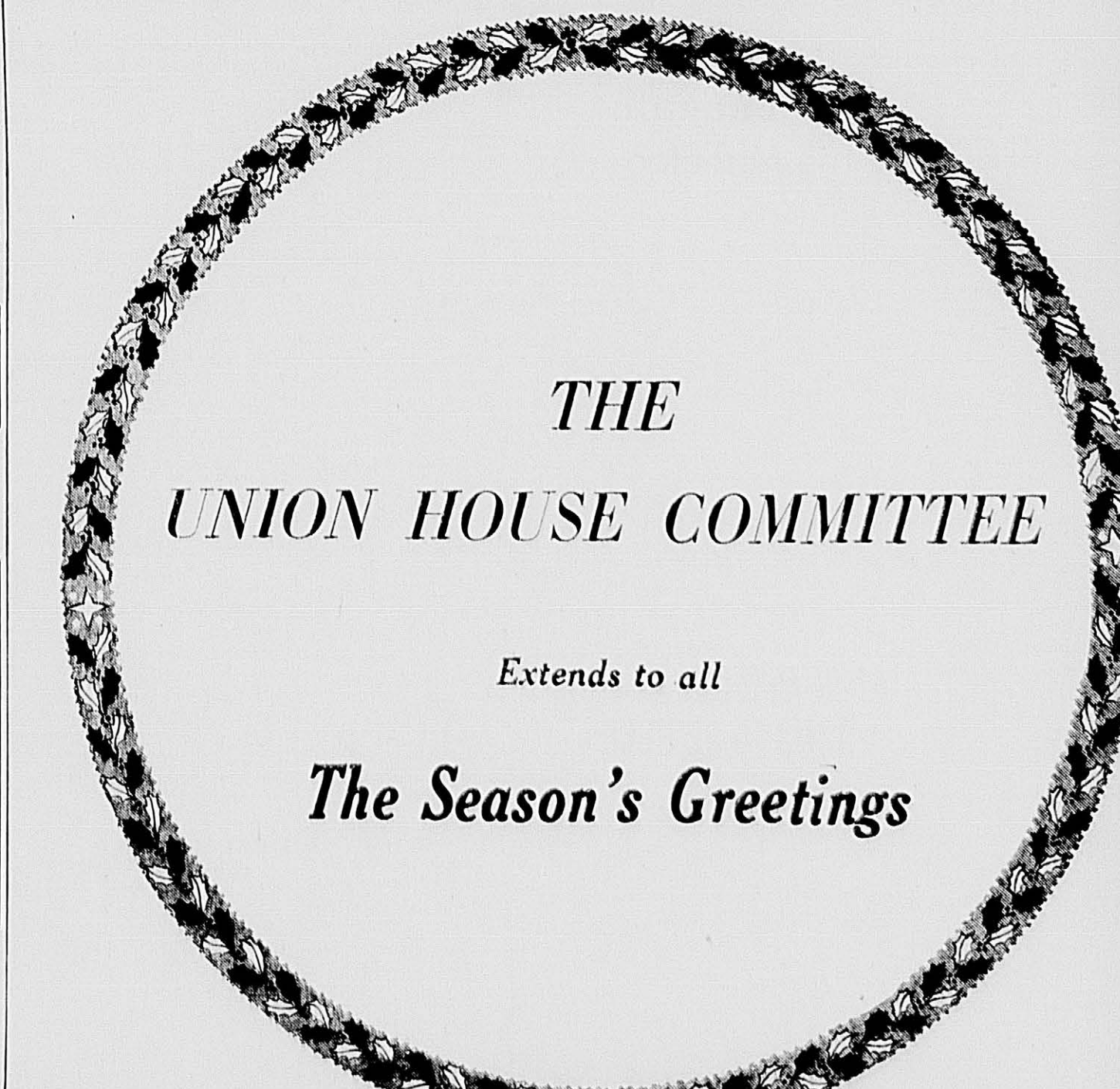
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German invasion, still it does prove that an upsetting change of some sort was in order and rather contradicts Mr. Reddaway's statements as to the greatness of Polish democracy.

Mr. Reddaway completes his text with the provoking reference to the new peace and the problems which it will have to face in re-establishing an order of sorts in the Baltic. "The Democratic Ideal in France and England," by David Thomson, another in the Current Problems Series, deals with a subject which is undoubtedly the nearest to the hearts and minds of every thinking person in the world, and particularly to everyone who has known the democratic way of life.

David Thomson, author of this review of the modern history of democracy, has set forth, lucidly and forcefully, every practical form of democratic activity from the more or less abstract Democratic Ideal, which so often becomes obscured when it should remain the primary motivating factor of every effort to sustain democracy, to the practical downrighting of Economic Democracy.

"England and France were the first two countries in Europe to generate a spirit of nationalism and to become Nation-States." This statement is taken from the first chapter of "The Democratic Ideal." After Nationalism has been outgrown, as it surely must if a country is to progress, the logical succeeding step is toward democracy, with the widened popular opportunities which it represents. In countries which have retained or re-established a nationalism of sorts, only a retrogressive ideal can be expected.

Mr. Thomson clearly shows that the democratic way is not only the right way, it is the advisable way, from a purely materialist point of view. Greater production, greater activity and greater nationalism resulting from inter-nationalism are attainable through democracy.

Referring to the final quotation from De Tocqueville as the ultimate truth, Mr. Thomson has quoted by way of summary the following: "There are nations which have tirelessly pursued freedom through every kind of peril and hardship. They loved it, not for its material benefits; they regarded freedom itself as a gift so precious and so necessary that no other could console them for the loss of everything else. . . . I attempt no analysis of that great emotion for those who cannot feel it. It enters of its own accord into the generous hearts God has prepared to receive it; it fills them, it inspires them; but to the meaner minds which have never felt it, it is past finding out."

—M.S.W.

**OLIVER WISWELL** by Kenneth Roberts: Doubleday, Doran & Co. Inc., New York, 1940; pp. 386; \$3.25.

" . . . War is brought about by mediocrities who always insist they're right, and seldom are," says Oliver Wiswell, the main character of Kenneth Roberts' latest novel. In writing this novel the author has chosen as his locale in time the American Revolutionary War, and has made his main characters the people who were loyal to the British crown. With his usual facility for accuracy and detail Mr. Roberts paints a picture of the type of people who fought on both sides of that conflict and of the circumstances which attended the birth of the United States of America.

Oliver Wiswell is a young man, a Yale undergraduate, who finds himself enmeshed in the struggle because of his, and his father's, Loyalist tendencies. With the clear and logical mind of the intellectual he analyzes causes of the war and criticizes both sides for the manner in which they conduct it. He is an idealist, a man of high principles and an American patriot; he does not wish to see the American colonies governed by men who are incapable of doing so, and he resents being persecuted for refusing to think along revolutionary lines. Oliver Wiswell elected to fight with the British armies because he considered British rule the best thing for the colonies. This, however, did not prevent him from seeing all the glaring faults and crimes of the British commanders in America. The whole book is an impassioned indictment of both sides in a conflict which, the central character claims, could have been averted or settled very expeditiously and with a minimum of waste of human lives.

Kenneth Roberts has unearthed all the data pertaining to the personalities concerned in the Revolutionary War and has set it forth dispassionately. He admits greatness on both sides; but he finds more frailty and criminal negligence than we have been accustomed to. The rebels or revolutionaries are depicted as a wily,

nilly mass of ignorant, ill-equipped, ill-officered, intolerant, cowardly but stubborn lot. The British armies are shown as the best-drilled, best-equipped, most perfectly organized fighting force of the period, commanded by selfish, pompous, over-cautious, short-sighted and incompetent generals. Time and again the author takes pains to show the wasteful incompetence of the British generals. Howe, Clinton, Burboyne, Cornwallis are all shown as stubborn men unwilling to concede a point to their subordinates, even though these latter might be right. The rebel officers and generals, from Washington down, are depicted as men of courage and vision but no military ability. The whole story resolves itself into a contest between the generals of the two forces to see who would make more blunders.

The book is a scathing denunciation of the current British policy of time, that of regarding "colonials" as beings of an inferior mentality. The British custom of "muddling through" is shown in all its ugly possibilities. English bureaucracy, international intrigue, gross inefficiency in high places, petty thievery in the army and other forms of human degradation are vividly depicted on every page. It is a sordid tale of a sordid campaign. The sum total of the story is that the Americans did not win the war, but that the British lost it through sheer stupidity.

Mr. Roberts' characterizations leave little to be desired. Oliver Wiswell, Thomas Buell, Captain Cunningham, Sally Leighton, to mention but a few of the hundreds that the author has included are masterpieces of psychological study. Particularly notable are the characters of Thomas Buell, the printer and jack-of-all-trades whom Oliver saves from certain death, and Captain Cunningham, the scoundrelly and avaricious provost marshal of the British armies. The book is at all times fast-moving and gripping, so that one is loath to put it down until the last page has been reached and the last word read.

—L. N. P.

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. . . Regret we can't hitch up our braces . . . we wear a belt. . . . As part of your campaign to uplift the intelligence and moral standing of the Engineers, would suggest you also attempt to uplift their standing as far as Intercompany sports are concerned. . . . Thought you might be interested to know that a certain lovely coed member of the Daily staff announced last night in the presence of witnesses that all Engineers are gentlemen. . . . Don't ask us for her name. . . . remember your moral standing. . . . Merry Christmas; and on New Year's eve —don't forget—you're one of the new style Engineers. The Merry Christmas but not the other admonition goes for any other patient reader who has followed us this far.

## Artsmen Have Fun Beneath The Mistletoe

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students became more wary and shied away from the sacred sprig. Many enterprising young lads, therefore, resorted to ingenious methods of inducing the co-eds to stray beneath it; the more obvious of which was the simple artifice of calling them and thus having them pass beneath it.

The high spot of the day was when a certain lecturer in the English Department promised a freshman the sum of ten cents if he would catch a woman lecturer who was approaching the mistletoe. The freshman accepted the bet and accordingly implanted a kiss on her lips. After she had left, the lecturer gladly paid up.

## OPEN ASSAULT AT ARMS TO BE HELD

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ly decided upon to-date the Inter-Company Open Assault-at-Arms will probably take place over a period of two days. All details will be worked out early in January and will be posted on the Notice Board in the Locker Room.

### NOVICES GOOD

Great things are expected from those who participated as Novices in the Meet just completed. These students are urged to keep in good shape over the holidays and to report for training immediately on returning to school. Coaches of all

three sports have been delightfully surprised at the splendid showing made by the new 'crop of Assaulters' and predict many an upset when the old meet the new in the Open Events.

As a further stimulus to those who are entering the events, the Awards Committee of the S.A.C. has authorized us to announce that a War-time Scale of Awards comparable to that of ordinary times has been worked out and will be announced shortly. By virtue of this, students will have every opportunity of winning the equivalent of any of the usual awards which have customarily been presented. Hence from almost every conceivable standpoint the Inter-Company Assault-at-Arms will equal in importance the usual Inter-Collegiate Assault-at-Arms.

## McGILL SCHOOL OF COMMERCE OFFERS PRIZES

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(c) the composition must be typewritten on paper 8 1/2 x 11, double space, and must be within the following limits: minimum: 20 pages (5,000 words); maximum: 50 pages (10,000 words). The official distribution of the prizes will take place at the next Provincial Exhibition, at the beginning of September.

5.—The students anxious to enter this contest must ask the secretary for a standard formula of inscription. They will then receive a special form that must be signed by the Director of their School.

6.—All the essays presented become the property of the Department of Commerce; consequently no candidate can publish his work without a previous authorization from the Minister of Commerce.

## Notices

**Found**  
A stethoscope on Milton street. Call at O.T.C.

**Lost**  
One pair of black fur gloves at the gym Tuesday night. Please leave at Union Tuck shop. Bill Humphreys at EL. 4714.

**Lost**  
Principles of Genetics by Sinnott and Dunn lost in Lecture Room B Med. bldg. Return either to janitor Med. bldg. or to Bill Gentileman.

**Lost**  
A pocket book lost containing important credentials and money. Good reward promised, for its safe return by G. G. Trolis.

### CAMPUS COED SELLS ENOUGH POETRY TO PAY POSTAGE COSTS

Oklahoma—Perhaps you couldn't call Mary Scott Willour a noted poet, but she is a young English major who has had 57 of her poems accepted and published.

Mary Scott is from McAlester and she dabbles in poetry whenever she has an inspiration. Three of her poems were accepted recently by the American Poetry magazine, Good Housekeeping, and the Poetry Digest.

She explained, "Usually I make about enough money to buy postage for the next bunch of entries."

The young English major who has never taken any courses in writing, works on the theory that a person can, by reading poetry, absorb enough of the form to be able to write.

An attempt to direct the style can lead only to the destruction of originality, she believes.

Her first acceptance came on her eighteenth birthday, although she had been writing verse since she was 8 years old.

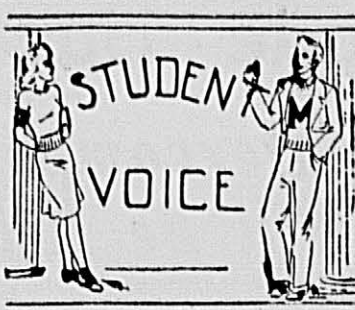
Once the theme of a poem came to her during a zoology exam. Instead of taking the quiz, she scrawled the lines on the back of her paper and took a "D" in the course.

Later the same poem was published in the American Poetry magazine and also won second place in the collegiate poetry contest sponsored by Waxahachie college, Waxahachie, Tex.

Writing poetry isn't her only hobby. She corresponds with people in foreign countries and at the present time she is writing and receiving letters from a Chinese, who is the head of the foreign language department at Sumatra college, and an English girl, who lives in Holstead, Essex.

Although she writes some free verse, Mary Scott prefers rhyme. Her favorite poets are Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson and Rupert Brooke.

—OKLAHOMA DAILY.



(Letters to the Editor must be accompanied in each case by the name and address of the sender, though anonymity will be respected on request. Letters must be signed and typewritten wherever possible. Opinions expressed in letters to the Editor are in no way to be interpreted as the opinions of the Managing Board of the McGill Daily.)

### Engineers and Men—Please!

Editor, McGill Daily.

Dear Sir: Engineers and men please don't! Please, please, please. What you ask does all this implying lead up to? Just this—please don't throw snowballs—those little globular missiles of crystalline vapour pressed hard together!

In the first place snowballs hurt, when they hit a vulnerable spot—yours do especially because they are so hard. Another thing, the objects of your attack never know until they are hit that those little bullets are on their way. If you want a real snowfall raid wait until you get up north where everyone is dressed to fall in snow, eat snow, live in snow and play in snow.

If your aiming were good and you always hit the same spot—that would be a different story. But the opposite is true—you either dent our millinery or you knock our notebooks flying. Worse than that; on a really sticky day when it melts a bit, and the snow is in just the right condition to make snowballs—and make them hard—you don't aim them at the person; your method of attack is more indirect. The indirect method is to send your bullets into the puddles which have been melted by the sun, and splash! all over our clothes. The women get it mostly on their silk stockings, and even luxing them won't take out the oil if there happens to be any in the puddle.

Which brings me to my next point. It isn't the men who abhor the snowballing, it is the feminine members of the University, who implore members of the male sex to wait until they get up north to carry out their snow tactics.

Yours,

P. M.

Editor, McGill Daily.

Dear Sir: Presuming the perpetrators of the "Red Martlet" read the "Daily" we are writing to inform said perpetrators that we are neither in need of enlightenment nor are we of the "comrades." In view of the above we would be deeply indebted to them if our names were removed from their mailing list.

Yours truly,  
JACK GROSS,  
I. ROCHLIN,  
B. J. FINESTONE,  
E. ABEL.

### R.C.A. IN ENGLAND GET GIFT OF RADIO SETS FROM LONDON

Somewhere in England, — The generosity of a Cheshire man has made it possible for the Canadian Legion War Services to supply a field regiment of the R.C.A. overseas with several brand new radio sets. So now from the camp compound during the nightly blackouts, in contrast to the wall of the banishment, can be heard the gay music and singing of the B.B.C.'s best entertainers.

The gift arrived at the Legion's London headquarters as a £25 cheque, with instructions to be used in the most appropriate way. Captain Mert Plunkett, formerly of Toronto and now director of Legion entertainment services overseas, was at that moment unable to meet the demands for radio receiving sets and on his recommendation the Canadian Artillery men became the beneficiaries.

In his letter of appreciation to the Legion and the donor, the commanding officer of the regiment said: "This regiment lost its wireless sets when it had to make a hurried evacuation from France. But I can assure you that these sets will not meet the same fate, as the next time we land in France, we land to stay."

### HITLER NOT ABLE TO HOLD STOLEN EMPIRE SAYS LEGION SPEAKER

Ottawa. — A challenge to Canadians to squelch "quialingism" of traitors, fifth columnists and defectors was sounded during the national network broadcast of the Sunday evening war commentary, "The Legion Views the War." The speaker, presented by the Canadian Legion as the representative voice of ex-service men, charged that one of the supreme tasks of

fighting men and civilians alike is to expose the distortion of truths inspired by enem yagents. "Let us do that job with everything we have," he emphasized, "and all the concentrated fury of the Nazis, the 'quialers', and what have you, will be destroyed all the sooner."

The speaker related how all countries that have been subjugated by the German heel were diseased first by such traitors who have since become hated by their own people and despised by those they tried to serve. He expressed the belief that Hitler will never be able to hold his stolen empire, "because a world order built on fear and lying and brute force contains the seeds of its own destruction."

### EDUCATION BECOMES IMPORTANT PART OF CANADIAN ARMY LIFE.

Ottawa.—Appointment of a regimental education officer in each battalion or equivalent unit of the Canadian Army to collaborate in administration of the Canadian Legion War Services' education program for soldiers is authorized in an order just issued by the Department of National Defence to all officers commanding military districts throughout the Dominion.

The order sets forth the duties of each education officer appointed and also makes provision for the soldier-students to study one hour per day during regular training periods. Students taking evening courses are to have their guard duties, night duties and fatigues arranged so as not to interfere with their attendance at classes.

Official endorsement of the Legion's education scheme in Canada was given coincidental with a cabled request recently received by Major-General H. D. G. Crerar, chief of the general staff, Ottawa, from Lieut.-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander of the Canadian Corps overseas, for extension of the education program among the Dominion's forces in the United Kingdom.

The arrangements that are now in effect in Canada are the same as those adopted for England by General McNaughton. The Corps Commander has also authorized the appointment of educational officers in each battalion or equivalent formation in the 1st and 2nd Divisions. These appointments make it possible for an officer in each unit to devote his time to organizing and promoting study among the men under the supervision of Legion educational advisors. The greatest appeal to the military authorities is the fact that the education plan, aside from improving military efficiency, is of tremendous importance in helping to maintain the morale and fighting spirit of the troops.

The regimental education officers appointed will be responsible to the officers commanding the unit in which they serve, but they will co-operate directly with the Canadian Legion War Services which has mapped out courses of instruction in a wide variety of subjects and also provides the instructors. The overseas education establishment of the Legion recently was strengthened by the despatch to England of Dr. A. E. Chatwin, M.C., of Saskatoon, Sask., who is on loan from the Saskatchewan Department of Education. Four civilian education advisors have been appointed to assist Dr. Chatwin, who has taken the post of Overseas Director of Education.

### NAVY AND AIR FORCE PLAN.

The Canadian Legion War Services has also concluded agreements with the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force concerning education work in those services. An education advisor for the navy will be stationed at the principal east coast naval establishment, and special courses for naval personnel will be organized there.

In the Royal Canadian Air Force the program includes refresher courses in studies for men who have passed their junior matriculation but have become somewhat rusty. The idea is to get these recruits back to something like school-leaving proficiency in the period between their enlistment and their posting to training schools.

The first aim of the education program is to make the men better sailors, soldiers and airmen, in the belief that, as Field-Marshal Sir Edmund Ironside has said, "The greatest essential in a modern army is education. It is the educated mind—contrary to the expectations of many—that adapts itself best to the strain of war."

Another object is to prevent boredom in the long winter nights, particularly among men serving overseas in the army who have spent long months in training without experiencing the thrill of actual combat.

The third main objective is to prepare men for civilian life on demobilization. Many men in the services have never held peacetime jobs, and some have worked at civilian pursuits for only short periods.

The authorities and the Canadian Legion believe that if the men can be given a measure of training in

## Military Time-tables

Thursday, December 19th

"C" Company				
Platoon	11	12	13	14
Period 1	Drill	SAT.	Drill	GAS
Period 2	GAS	GAS	GAS	SAT.
"D" Company				
Platoon	16	17	18	19
Period 1	GAS	SAT.	P.T.	GAS
Period 2	SAT.	GAS	GAS	Drill
"E" Company				
Platoon	21	22	23	24
Period 1	GAS	GAS	Drill	Drill
Period 2	P.T.	Drill	GAS	GAS

Friday, December 20th

"A" Company				
Platoon	1	2	3	4
Period 1	Drill	SAT.	SAT.	GAS
Period 2	SAT.	P.T.	Drill	SAT.
"B" Company				
Platoon	6	7	8	9
Period 1	GAS	GAS	Drill	Drill
Period 2	P.T.	SAT.	GAS	SAT.
"F" Company				
Platoon	26	27	28	
Period 1	Drill	SAT.	SAT.	
Period 2	SAT.	Drill	P.T.	

some civilian calling or given a better educational background the problem of rehabilitation after the war will be eased.

### THE EC DEPARTMENT—1.

"In Economics A you learn the theories, and in the advanced courses you learn how they do not apply." This old verdict sums up the tragedy of academic economics: the struggle for a scientific approach to an essentially unscientific object, the attempt to project reality into a vacuum by relegating the "other factors" to "remaining equal." Carving "other factors" out of the rump of reality, the economist willfully shapes a fragment into an imaginary whole, his theory. By its very origin, economic theory is a segment.

The common criticism that the Harvard Economics Department is too theoretical is, in itself, meaningless. College economics cannot start off on seasonal unemployment in Southern California. Its task is to breed rational economic thought, and for that it must be rooted in theory. A study of the economic doctrines of the past is essential to an understanding of the economic problems of the present.

This must sound ludicrous to any one who has had a taste of economic theory at Harvard. Nobody has yet gained a clearer judgment of New Deal Economics from the graphs and curves and trends of Ec A or 1. The reason is that economic theory, when isolated from the forces that condition it, remains little more than abstract quibbling for its own sake. The Harvard Department's "vacuum" approach to theory is, at best, a mental discipline, and as such much inferior to mathematics.

Economic theory is significant only as an expression—or better, rationalization—of social change. To give it reality, it must be projected back on to the plane out of which it was cut: the economic world of the author. In the very choice of the "factors remaining equal" lies social philosophy. Keynes and eighteenth-century France, Adam Smith and British industrial supremacy, Keynes and stagnation, are inseparably intertwined. Like political science, economic theory cannot be torn out of its historical context without losing substance.

In the historical perspective, the economic doctrines, as milestones in capitalistic development, assume a fuller meaning than they possess on the blackboard. In the chaos of the vacuum, they provide, indeed, the celebrated "principles"—which the bewildered student drops one by one as he enters the labyrinth of real-life economics.

—Crimson.

### PUBLICITY OF THE DIES REPORT IS ITSELF A GRAVE THREAT.

Publicity of the material and evidence collected by the Dies committee investigation is a threat, one as great as that of the Fifth Columnists and the Communists which Dies attacks, to the American way and democracy.

Publicity is not an acceptable substitute for prosecution; it merely obstructs the law enforcement agencies in the performance of their duties and frustrates true democratic justice. Publication of the alleged evidence against the men of fifth column activities will cause the saboteurs to be more careful and to replace recognized workers and change known tactics. In a single day the Dies publicity will waste months of work for the

of the people were fed by countless labor disputes and strikes and by the merciless and thoughtless publicity given to these events. Publicity of the Dies "Red papers" can and will bring a repetition of this mass-minded fear and hysteria which is so dangerous to a democracy where freedom of the press and speech are the watchdogs of liberty. Mass fear and hysteria can sabotage a democracy as surely and completely as anarchists' bombs or whisperings of defeatism.

—Montana Kairain.

I wish I were a moment in my professor's class. For no matter how idle the moment it always seems to pass.

—Western Gazette.

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